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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9-15 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A data cartridge, comprising:

a housing having a surface resistivity in a range of approximately 10⁶ ohms/square to approximately 10¹² ohms/square, wherein the housing is adapted to dissipate a static charge of the data cartridge;

a non-tape storage medium contained within the housing;
circuitry contained within the housing for accessing the non-tape storage medium; and
an externally accessible electrical connector supported by the housing and electrically
coupled to the circuitry.

- 2. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 1, wherein the housing is adapted to dissipate approximately 5,000 volts DC to approximately 500 volts DC in less than approximately 0.5 seconds.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The data cartridge of claim 1, wherein the housing includes is formed of a static dissipative polymer.
- 4. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 1, wherein the housing is formed of a material including at least one of polypropylene, polyethylene, polystyrene, nylon, polycarbonate, ABS, and acrylic, and a dissipative polymer.
- 5. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 1, wherein the housing is formed of a material including a carbon-filled resin.

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6. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 1, wherein the housing conforms to industry standard dimensions for a magnetic tape data cartridge.

- 7. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 1, wherein the non-tape storage medium comprises a disk-shaped storage medium.
- 8. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 1, wherein the non-tape storage medium comprises one of a solid-state storage medium, an optical storage medium, a magneto-optical storage medium, and a holographic storage medium.
- 9-15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Currently Amended) A data cartridge, comprising:

a housing formed of a material including a static dissipative polymer and having a surface resistivity in a range of approximately 10⁶ ohms/square to approximately 10¹² ohms/square, wherein the housing is adapted to dissipate a static charge of the data cartridge;

a non-tape storage medium contained within the housing; circuitry for accessing the non-tape storage medium; and an externally accessible electrical connector electrically coupled to the circuitry.

- 17. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 16, wherein the material of the housing further includes at least one of polypropylene, polyethylene, polystyrene, nylon, polycarbonate, ABS, and acrylic.
- 18. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 16, wherein the housing is adapted to dissipate approximately 5,000 volts DC to approximately 500 volts DC in less than approximately 0.5 seconds.

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19. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 16, wherein the housing conforms to industry standard dimensions for a magnetic tape data cartridge.

20. (Original) The data cartridge of claim 16, wherein the non-tape storage medium comprises one of a solid-state storage medium, an optical storage medium, a magneto-optical storage medium, and a holographic storage medium.